



Bill Title: SB 544, State Court Administrator - Warrants of Restitution and Writs of Possession - Data Collection and Reporting

Committee: Judicial Proceedings Committee

Date: February 18, 2020

Position: Favorable

This testimony is offered on behalf of the Maryland Multi-Housing Association (MMHA). MMHA is a professional trade association established in 1996, whose members consist of owners and managers of more than 210,000 rental housing homes in over 958 apartment communities. Our members house over 538,000 residents of the State of Maryland. MMHA also represents over 250 associate member companies who supply goods and services to the multi-housing industry.

SB 544 requires the State Court Administrator to collect, maintain, provide access to, and, on or before July 1, 2021, and quarterly thereafter, make and publish on a website accessible to the public a report on information related to certain warrants of restitution and writs of possession. Such information includes the address of the subject premises, whether the premises was used for residential purposes, the date of execution of the warrant or writ, whether a tenant or an occupant was present at the time the warrant or writ was executed and the type of action from which the warrant or writ was issued.

MMHA supports efforts to provide transparency and information related to the warrants of restitution and writs of possession. The combination and publication of such data could be useful in framing and determining policy.

For the foregoing reasons, MMHA respectfully requests a **favorable report on Senate Bill 544.**

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